



Before severe weather:

- Sign up for campus notifications to receive text messages, push notifications, and/or emails about significant campus events or severe weather.
 - Download the [LiveSafe app](#)
 - Sign up for [BlackBoard Connect](#)
- Familiarize yourself with emergency plans, evacuation routes, and shelter locations.
- Signs will be posted around campus when severe weather is possible for the day.
- Building Safety Captains (BSC's) will be notified.
- Continue with your daily routine; remain alert to the possibility of severe weather and be prepared.

If a Tornado Warning is issued for our area, the following will occur:

- All mass communication methods (text, phone calls, emails, push notifications, as well as post made to the college website and social channels) will be made simultaneously.
- Move immediately to the designated area and shelter-in-place.
- Remember to D.U.C.K. during a tornado
 - **D**own to the lowest level or to the designated shelter location area.
 - **U**nder something sturdy
 - **O**ver your head
 - **K**eep in shelter until the storm passes and the warning expiration message is issued.
- Stay away from windows and exterior doors.
- BSC's will monitor their areas to assist with sheltering.

Note: If the facility is damaged, evacuate the area after the storm passes (following direction of building emergency personnel) and stay clear of the damaged area. Be aware of fallen debris, downed power lines, and gas leaks. Report any injuries by calling ext. 5599 or 620-441-5599.

Winter Weather Closings

You can find out if the college is closed due to inclement weather in one of these ways:

- The announcement will be posted on the home page of the College's website, www.cowley.edu.
- Students, faculty, and staff that have downloaded the LiveSafe mobile safety app or that have signed up for BlackBoard Connect will receive text, push notification, and/or an email automatically in the event of an emergency or weather closing.
- The announcement will be posted on the College's social media pages:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/CowleyCollege>
 - [X @ CowleyCollege](#)
- Closing and delayed start announcements will also be shared with local news media for dissemination.

Note that it can take awhile for an announcement to appear on television, so you are encouraged to use one of the other methods as your primary source of information.

Students, please check with your instructors for details and the possibility of remote class during a weather-related closure.